

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 16 have been amended. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 8-9 are rejected under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), as allegedly being of improper dependent form. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Endo (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0212841), hereafter "Endo." Claims 4, 7, 13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo in view of Olejar *et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0037100), hereafter "Olejar." Claims 2, 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo in view of Deng (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,394), hereafter "Deng." Claims 5, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo in view of Lakshman *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,564), hereafter "Lakshman." Claims 6, 15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo in view of Harris, Jr. *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,975), hereafter "Harris." Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo and Olejar and further in view of Lakshman. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Endo, Olejar and Lakshman and further in view of Harris.

A. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 8-9 UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.75

The Office has rejected claims 8-9 for allegedly being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite, "[t]he method of claim 7." Claim 9 depends from claim 8. Applicants assert that this amendment further directs the claims to be of proper dependent form. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

B. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 3, 10, 12, 16 AND 18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection over Endo, Applicants assert that Endo does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention. For example, with respect to independent claims 1, 7, 10 and 16, Applicant submits that Endo fails to teach receiving, on the server, data to be routed from a source to a destination, the data having the destination and a transaction type included therein. The Office equates the data of the claimed invention with a combination of the document input unit and address book of Endo. Pp. 0055-0056, 0060-0065, FIG. 3. However, the document data inputted by the document input unit of Endo does not include a destination and transaction type within it. Similarly, the information in the address book of Endo is not intended to be routed from a source to a destination. In contrast, the claimed invention includes "...receiving, on the server, data to be routed from a source to a destination, the data having the destination and a transaction type included therein." Claim 1. As such, unlike the combination of the document data inputted by document input unit and information in the address book of Endo, the data of the claimed invention is both to be routed from a source to a destination and has the destination and a transaction type included therein. Thus, the data as

included in the present invention is not taught by the document data and information of Endo.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With further respect to independent claims 1, 7, 10 and 16, Applicants respectfully submit that Endo also fails to teach that the application is adapted to transform the data in one of a plurality of received formats into the transformed data in one of a plurality of retrieved formats. As stated above, Endo teaches that a document input unit inputs document data. Pp. 0065. A format converter then converts the input document data to data in the designated data transmission format. However, nowhere does Endo teach that the input document data may be in one of a plurality formats. The claimed invention, in contrast, includes "...the application is adapted to transform the data in one of a plurality of received formats into the transformed data in one of a plurality of retrieved formats." Claim 1. To this extent, the application of the claimed invention does not merely convert input document data to a designated data transmission format as does the format converter of Endo, but is also adapted to transform data that is in one or a plurality of received formats. For the above reasons, the format converter of Endo does not teach the application of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicant herein incorporates the arguments presented above with respect to the independent from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

C. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2, 4-9, 11, 13-15, 17 and 19-21 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

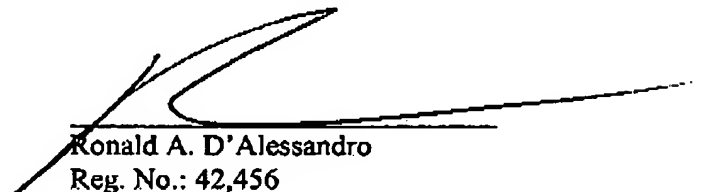
With regard to the Office's arguments regarding dependent claims, Applicant herein incorporates the arguments presented above with respect to independent claims listed above. In addition, Applicant submits that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. However, for brevity, Applicant will forego addressing each of these rejections individually, but reserves the right to do so should it become necessary. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw its rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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